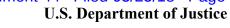
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<u>Via ECF & Facsimile</u> Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein United States District Judge Southern District of New York Fax: 212-805-7942

Re: <u>United States v. Ali Kourani</u>, 17 Cr. 417 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to inform the Court that the Second Circuit recently reversed the opinion in *United States* v. *Haak*, 215 F. Supp. 3d 218 (W.D.N.Y. 2016), on which the defendant relies in connection with his pending motion to suppress. *See United States* v. *Haak*, --- F.3d ----, No. 16-3876-cr, 2018 WL 1177238 (2d Cir. Mar. 7, 2018). Enclosed please find a copy of the Circuit's decision in *Haak*. The Government identified this decision today while preparing for the March 26, 2018 hearing in this matter, and apologizes for the timing of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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